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TERSE TALES OF THE TOWN

Reconvenes in Two Weeks—

The County Court of Clatsop county will reconvene on Friday, March 21, two weeks hence, for the transaction of public affairs that could not be despatched at the initial session.

Wants The Gift—

James Edward Grandin, a native of Sweden, yesterday filed his declaration of intention in the matter of American citizenship, with County Clerk Clinton, and will take his honors in due course.

Up With The Times—

The Kefly Lumber Company, of Warrenton, has just purchased and installed one of the very latest band re-saw machines put out by the Beloit, Wis., Machine Works; a sign of enterprise this concern is famous for.

Probate Order Made—

Judge Trenchard yesterday made an order in the matter of the estate of Herman Olin, deceased, approving the final account of the administrator, discharging that officer and his bondsmen, and declaring Bror Harry Wilhelm Klæsson, the sole heir to the property existing in said estate.

Interested Visitor—

J. D. Goswick, of the Capital City, arrived in Astoria yesterday, and is in quest of a property that will suit for home purposes. He is pleased with Astoria and Clatsop as far as he has gone, and it is hoped he may find all he is in search of and become a pleased and prosperous citizen of the Northwest county, or city, as either shall please him most.

Always Expanding—

The Tongue Point Lumbering Company, of this city and San Francisco, is about to establish a sales office in the city of Portland, and will have the matter perfected on or about the first of April, with H. J. Mackin in charge of the new development. This is strictly in line with the expansion policy of this big and enterprising concern.

"Sick Donkey"—

The grading of Irving avenue between Eleventh and Fourteenth, temporarily suspended owing to the fact that Contractor Gerding's big "Donkey" is "sick." Mechanists were busy yesterday in making repairs on the big engine and soon the work will be resumed and rushed through to completion.

Bound North Again—

Col. H. B. Parker, who is "projecting" around Southern California in search of comfort and scenery and others, supposedly better than what Astoria and Oregon have to offer,

left San Bernardino yesterday, on his way home to this city. He is coming with the conviction that Astoria has more to offer than anything or place he has struck over the southern border. For once his "youthful" judgment has stood him in good stead.

Will Pay Penalty—

Sheriff M. R. Pomeroy left up for the Capital City on the 6:10 train last evening, with F. Sherman, the forger, who was sentenced to two years in the pen, yesterday. He was accompanied by D. Malagamba, as guard.

Home From Europe—

Word was received in this city yesterday by General Agent G. B. Johnson, of the A. & C. that E. H. Joseph, manager of the Klevenhausen cold-store plant at Altoona, is on his way home from Europe, whither he went three months ago, and will be in this city today or tomorrow.

Off On An Outing—

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. McShatko departed yesterday morning for the metropolis, with their baby, for an outing. Mrs. McShatko will remain with friends for a week or so, and Mr. McShatko will return on Sunday night's express.

En Route to Frisco—

City Clerk Neal Stupp of Raymond, Wash., arrived in this city yesterday, en route to San Francisco, on a business trip. Mr. Stupp was at one time a teacher in the public schools of this city and has a very friendly feeling for this old habitat. He leaves on the steamship Senator this morning.

Raymond Under the Lid—

The report comes over from the festive little city of Raymond, that Sheriff McDonald, of Pacific county, made an unexpected swoop on the dance halls over there last Thursday night and jammed the lid on for keeps; and as a consequence the "water-wagon" is overloaded just now.

Still Invulnerable—

Kenneth O'Loane, the Celtic representative of Blake-McFall Company, of Portland, arrived in the city last evening looking well and hearty, and reports that he was a passenger on the Hassalo yesterday morning when she blew out her cylinder-head off Altoona. A section of the flying steel

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caught Mr. O'Loane on the right cheek and broke into three pieces, continuing its wild progress in detachments, through two partitions and into the Columbia river. Mr. O'Loane, who was unscathed, wiped the dust and grime from his face and unconcernedly lit a cigarette, leaving the vessel at Skamokawa and coming back to this city for something he had forgotten.

The New Street—

The work of grading Irving avenue from Eighteenth street, east, is progressing rapidly, the grade having been practically completed as far east as Thirtieth street, there being only a few more gulches to fill. When this street is completed and paved, it will certainly be a very desirable location for a residence district, for the view from any portion of its entire length will be unsurpassed. The grade extends along the side of the ridge and the ground on the north side of the street will generally be lower than the street thus affording a good view to dwelling that may be built on either side, and we predict that there will be a great many dwellings built on this new street in the very near future.

An Easement Road—

C. A. Jurma and others have applied to the county court for a road easement in Road District No. 6, and the court has appointed J. F. Bartoldus and W. E. Cole as viewers and George Stevens as surveyors, in the case, with orders to report thereon on March 19th. The petitions for roads, filed by James Irving and Alexander Agren and others, have been continued until the adjourned term.

To The Hospital—

O. H. Bagley, of Vermont, and a brother of P. H. Bagley, of Knappa, who has been a guest at the Parker House in this city for some time, was taken to St. Mary's hospital yesterday, to be treated for kidney trouble, from which he was suffering greatly.

In Precarious State—

M. Knutson, the father of Chief Deputy Sheriff C. Knutson, who is serious ill with pneumonia, was reported last evening as still in a precarious condition, and much anxiety is felt about him. It is hoped he will rally safely from the attack, and his prime good health before the seizure, stands him in good stead.

Repairs—

Work was begun yesterday on the repairing and rebuilding of the boiler house and engine room of the North Pacific Brewery which were recently so badly damaged by fire. A force of mechanics are now busy in overhauling the engines and other machinery and tearing out the burned portions of the building which remain standing. This fire proved that the use of asbestos coverings on boiler is a benefit in more ways than one, for there is no doubt that the boilers at the brewery were saved by the asbestos covering. The heat was successfully withstood and the only thing that affected the linings on the boilers was the immense amount of water thrown on the fire. It will require about one week to get the new smokestacks in place and the rebuilding of the houses and repairing of the engine, etc., will probably consume about four or five weeks after which the brewery will be in full operation again.

Overborne by Grief—

The sad intelligence, reached this city yesterday that Mrs. Omar B. Wirt of Portland whose husband died only last week, has lost her mind in the ravage of her grief, and has been sent to a sanitarium there for treatment. Her many Astoria and Warrenton friends will be shocked and grieved at the sad reaction that has befallen her.

Body Found—

Coroner Pohl left on the evening train yesterday for Seaside to get a body which is on the beach at Haystack Rock. It is supposed to be one of the sailors of the ill-fated Emily Reed.

Saves Tree and Fruit.

Ole Erickson, the practical and successful orchardist and flower man, is busy these days spraying the valuable fruit trees that flourish hereabout. He has finished the trees on the home grounds of Mrs. M. C. Flavel, and is now operating on the William Bock orchard. He uses a spray suggested and confirmed by the Government and is meeting with fine success in the killing of vermine and the clearing of the smallest recesses in the trees, and uses one of the very latest mechanical devices for casting the spray. Mr. Erickson will instruct any one in the process, and supply them with the machines at rest and best figures.

INTER-SCHOLASTIC DEBATE

WELL SUSTAINED ARGUMENTS FROM BOTH TEAMS, FACTS, FIGURES AND FANCIES FREELY FURNISHED—LARGE ATTENDANCE.

Anything the school children and high school pupils are interested in interests the whole population and this fact was proven last evening at the Astoria Theatre by the crowded condition that prevailed. The occasion was the debate for the championship of the Columbia river district between the Clatskanie high school team and the Astoria High School team.

The former is composed of Miss Ethel Barnes, Miss Leila Page and Master Zenas Eastman and their opponents—the home team, is composed of Miss Birdie Wise, Miss Jennie Jeffers and Master Carl Thomas. The question was:

"Resolved, That the Municipalities of the United States Should Own and Operate Their Light and Transportation Facilities."

Hon. John H. Smith was the chairman and in his remarks explained the motive and conditions of the debate. Limiting each speaker to 12 minutes, he said there would be a tap of the gavel when ten minutes had been used and at the expiration of 12 minutes the gavel would be sounded and the speaker must stop even if in the middle of a sentence or word. He closed his remarks by saying that this much discussed question was to be settled for good within the next hour or two.

The High School Orchestra played a long selection which was well rendered.

Mrs. A. A. Finch's vocal selection was so well received that she was compelled to sing an encore.

Following the debate the High School Orchestra played a selection and the double quartet rendered a song and was wildly cheered and responded with an encore. Then all attention was given to the decision of the judges and the result of their deliberations were delivered in sealed envelopes and opened by Chairman Smith in the presence of Miss Wise and Master Eastman. The decision was that Astorian-debating for the affirmative—had sustained the better argument and was declared the victors, which was vociferously cheered. The judges were Prof. E. E. De Cou of Eugene; Prof. J. W. Branstater of Seaside, and Mr. W. H. Powell of St. Helens.

Those who came from Clatskanie to hear the debate were: Mrs. and Miss L. Elliott, Mrs. L. V. Maxwell and daughter, J. H. Collins and wife, Z. L. Eastman, W. H. Powell, M. E. Page and wife, Carrie Elertsen, Roy Johnson, Beatrice Rice, Rosa Johnson, Fay Rice, Mrs. Frank Coulter, G. B. Conyers, Carl Hugel, E. W. Conyers, C. L. Conyers, Prof. E. E. De Cou, Eugene.

The pleasant affair wound up with a banquet at the Occident at which about 120 sat down. Prof. Clark was toastmaster, and the speeches were all good and it was in the we sma' hours before the company dispersed.

A County Institute—

Under the capable devisement of Miss Emma Warren, county superintendent of education, there will be held in this city, on April 22, 23, 24 and 25, 1908, a county institute, in which the State officers of that department will figure as factors and guests, together with all the clerks and directors of the Clatsop county schools, as well as the teachers of city and county. The four day session will be crammed with live and interesting matter and will undoubtedly eventuate with patent success, and with advantage to all concerned.

En Route to Coast—

J. J. Walters, of Portland, is in the city and domiciled at the Occident. He was at one time a resident of this city, along in 1895, and is now the owner of what is known as Nehalem Bay Park, a property with one mile frontage on the bay, and ocean, at the mouth of that famous and beautiful river. Mr. Walters says, there are no people in that country who want the railroad down there so badly as he and his colleagues. He left yesterday afternoon for Seaside, and his Nehalem site.

On Official Business—

Deputy Sheriff Archie McLean went to Seaside on the evening train yesterday, on official business in connection with the circuit court, and will return this morning.

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Died at Portland—

The death, at Portland, yesterday, of Langley Hall, of this city, is announced here in the despatches, to the regret of his friends. He died of pneumonia and was ill but a few hours. The funeral will take place at the metropolis today. Mr. Hall was an inventor of some ability, his latest contribution to applied mechanics being a flexible car axle, which he was exploiting when his illness overtook him.

CIRCUIT COURT DOCKET.

The first case to be submitted to his honor, Judge McBride, yesterday was that of the State of Oregon vs. F. Sherman, charged with forgery, in which the defendant entered a plea of guilty, and received a sentence of two years in the penitentiary. An order was also made supplying the sheriff with a guard in the conducting of the prisoner hence to the capital.

In the matter of the jury case of Edward Anderson vs. D. Cummings, the jury returned into court yesterday at noon, and confessed their inability to reach a verdict, by reason of disagreement. The court thereupon discharged the jury, and made an order directing Sheriff Pomeroy to sell

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In the case of Zilla Davidson vs. William Davidson, default was entered as against the defendant, and a decree of divorce handed down, as prayed for.

The jury now in attendance upon the court was excused from further service until March 13th.

The case of L. Labowitz vs. J. E. Alcaretz, et. al., was in progress all the afternoon, and was continued until this morning. Adjournment was had until 9 o'clock this morning.